



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held January 31, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Ten alleged welfare cheats were arrested by the District Attorney Welfare Fraud Unit in connection with six separate criminal cases charging that taxpayer-funded public assistance programs were defrauded out of nearly \$1.2 million. Four additional defendants are being sought.

“There has been a rise in child care fraud in Los Angeles County from welfare-to-work recipients who fabricate employment information or exaggerate work hours in order to qualify for taxpayer-financed child care.

“Twelve years ago, the Board approved my motion to develop a Welfare Fraud Hotline which has been successful in detecting welfare fraud and saving the department and taxpayers millions of dollars. However, more needs to be done in determining what additional methods are needed to prevent and detect fraud.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, and by common consent, there being no objection, the Director of Public Social Services was instructed to report back at the Board meeting of March 7, 2006 on the cases of welfare fraud, including recommendations by the Internal Security Task Force to prevent future fraud.

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